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# Office Action Summary

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 7.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. In light of the amendment filed 11 August 2003, the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejections is withdrawn.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 2, 7, 12 – 23, 36, 41 – 43, 48, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazaki et al., USPN 6,339,411 B2.

**Claims 1, 2, 15, 18, 21, 36, and 43**

Miyazaki teaches a display device. Miyazaki, col. 1, lines 4 – 8.

Miyazaki teaches a pixel portion with  $m \times n$  pixels. Miyazaki, col. 2, line 60 – col. 3, line 14. A gate driver [line scan shift register 22a] feeds  $n$  gate signal lines. Miyazaki, col. 8, lines 16 - 30; and figure 7B. Source drivers [dot scan shift registers 22b, 22c, 22d] feed  $m$  source signal lines. Miyazaki, col. 8, lines 6 - 15; and figure 7B. Miyazaki, in figures 5A – 5C, shows that  $m < n$ .

Miyazaki teaches a video data converter circuit wherein the video data converter circuit converts a digital video datum  $(h, k)$  ( $h = 1, 2, 3, m-1, m$ ) and ( $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1, n$ ). Miyazaki,

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col. 5, lines 21 – 40; col. 6, line 36 – col. 7, line 3; and figure 3. Although Miyazaki does not specifically state that the video datum  $(h, k)$  is converted into  $\{m \times (k - 1) + h\}$ -th video datum, such conversion takes place. Compare the conversion shown in the specification, figures 3, 5, 6, and 7 with the conversion shown in Miyazaki, figure 5C and described in Miyazaki col. 6, line 36 – col. 7, line 3. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to find the equation taught by Miyazaki. Miyazaki invites such by teaching a head-mounted display,

Here, in the head-mounted display described above, considering the need to make the display part positioned in front of the eyes of the user small and light and considering aesthetic design aspects, it is desirable for the head-mounted display to be made small in the front-rear direction.

Miyazaki, col. 2, lines 21 – 25. Miyazaki adds,

Thus because of the difficulty of reducing the size of the liquid crystal panel 80 in the vertical direction there has been the problem that it is not possible to realize size reduction of a head-mounted display in the front-rear direction.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a display device with which it is possible to effectively realize size reduction in the vertical direction.

Miyazaki, col. 2, lines 53 – 59. Miyazaki then adds,

With the first provision of the invention described above, because a data stream obtained by vertical-horizontal converting ordinary image data by means of vertical-horizontal converting means is supplied to the displaying means and the display operation is executed by vertical pixel rows being scanned in the horizontal direction, it becomes natural for the line scan driving circuit to be disposed above or below the display region in the displaying means. In other words, it becomes unnecessary for a pixel driving circuit requiring a large area for circuit provision to be disposed above or below the display region, and as a result there is the effect that it becomes possible to effectively reduce the size of the displaying means in the vertical direction. And when the display device is to be mounted in a head-mounted display, this makes it possible to reduce the size of the head-mounted display in the front-rear direction.

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Miyazaki, col. 3, lines 49 – 64. Miyazaki concludes,

When according to the other provision of the invention mentioned above two units of the displaying means are disposed left-right symmetrically and the display controlling means supplies image data and scanning signals to these two displaying means so that they display the same image while mutually inverted in a top-bottom direction and in a left-right direction, there is the effect that it is possible to raise the freedom of configuration design of for example a head-mounted display or the like.

Miyazaki, col. 4, lines 28 – 36.

Claims 15 and 36 each add that the video data converter circuit has a video formatter, a memory and an address generator. Miyazaki teaches video formatter [memory controller 9], a memory 3b, and an address generator [driving circuit part 10]. Miyazaki, col. 7, lines 31 – 35; and figure 3.

Claim 18 adds that the gate driver is formed at a lateral side of the pixel portion, and the source driver is formed at a longitudinal side of the pixel portion. Miyazaki teaches such. Miyazaki, col. 7, lines 44 – col. 8, line 5; and figure 7B.

Claim 21 adds that the plurality of gate signal lines are vertical and the plurality of source signal lines are horizontal. Miyazaki, col. 8, lines 6 – 63; and figure 7B.

Claim 43 adds two source drivers. Miyazaki teaches at least two source drivers [dot scan shift registers 22b, 22c, 22d]. Miyazaki, col. 8, lines 6 - 15; and figure 7B.

**Claims 7, 12, 16, 19, 22, 41, and 48**

Miyazaki teaches that the display device is a head mount display 30. Miyazaki, col. 1, lines 4 – 10; col. 5, lines 9 – 16; and figures 8A – 8C.

**Claim 13, 14, 17, 20, 23, 42, and 49**

Miyazaki teaches that the display device is a liquid crystal display device. Miyazaki, col. 1, lines 5 – 8. Miyazaki, col. 1, lines 3 – 9.

4. Claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 24, 25, 28, 29, 32, 33, 37, 38, 44, and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazaki et al. in view of Yamazaki et al., USPN 6,292,183 B1.

**Claims 3, 8, 24, 28, 32, 37, and 44**

Miyazaki does not teach a rear projector with three display devices.

Yamazaki teaches a rear projector with three liquid crystal display devices. Yamazaki, col. 7, lines 22 – 24; col 17, line 60 – col. 18, line 3; col. 18, line 61 – col. 19, line 13; and figures 18, 20A and 20B.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the rear projector with three display devices as taught by Yamazaki with the display device of Miyazaki and Miyazaki. Yamazaki invites such combination by teaching,

The present invention has been made to solve the above problem, and therefore an object of the present invention is to provide a drive circuit that prevents the deterioration of a TFT in a CMOS circuit on a high-voltage side, makes a withstand voltage high, and increases a drive margin in the case where two voltages of a high voltage and a low voltage are provided for a supply voltage to a peripheral drive circuit and a high voltage is needed to be applied to a gate signal line.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a liquid crystal display device using the above drive circuit.

Yamazaki, col. 4, lines 22 – 32. Yamazaki specifically invites the use of a projector with the three display devices by teaching,

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The three-plate type liquid crystal projector according to this embodiment displays images corresponding to three primary colors consisting of red, blue and green on three monochrome-display liquid crystal panels 1807, 1808 and 1809, respectively, and lightens the above liquid crystal panels by lights of the corresponding three primary colors. Then, the obtained images of the respective primary-color components are composed by dichroic prism 1810 and then projected onto the screen 1812. Therefore, the three-plate type liquid crystal projector is excellent in display performance (resolution, screen illuminance, color purity).

Yamazaki, col. 18, lines 4 – 14.

**Claims 4, 9, 25, 29, 33, 38, and 45**

Yamazaki teaches a front projector with three liquid crystal display devices. Yamazaki, col. 7, lines 25 – 28; col 17, line 60 – col. 18, line 3; col. 19, lines 28 – 46; and figures 18, and 21.

5. Claims 5, 10, 26, 30, 34, 39, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazaki et al. in view of Negishi et al., USPN 5,860,720.

**Claims 5, 10, 26, 30, 34, 39, and 46**

Miyazaki does not teach a rear projector with one display device.

Negishi teaches a rear projector with liquid crystal display device. Negishi, col. 1, lines 4 – 17.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the rear projector with one display device as taught by Negishi with the display device of Miyazaki and Miyazaki. Negishi invites such combination by teaching,

A liquid-crystal rear projector is able to reduce its depth and to widen its screen, and such a liquid-crystal rear projector can be easily enlarged in size compared with a television receiver using a cathode-ray tube (CRT).

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Negishi, col. 1, lines 18 – 21.

6. Claims 6, 11, 27, 31, 35, 40, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazaki et al. in view of Braun et al., USPN 5,335,022.

**Claims 6, 11, 27, 31, 35, 40, and 47**

Miyazaki does not teach a front projector with one display device.

Braun teaches a front projector with liquid crystal display device. Braun, col. 1, lines 9 – 11.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the front projector with one display device as taught by Braun with the display device of Miyazaki and Miyazaki. Braun invites such combination by teaching,

Many computer image, entertainment video, and video teleconferencing services require large-screen displays so that users can realize the maximal benefit and effectiveness of these services. A particular concern with large display screens, especially in residential environments, is the volume of living space encroached upon by the video display screen. A solution to this problem would be a true large-screen flat display having negligible depth that can be hung inconspicuously on the wall. This solution, although under research for many years, remains decidedly elusive.

Braun, col. 1, lines 14 – 24. Braun adds,

Another approach to large screen video displays, which minimizes the apparent loss of living space, is front projection systems. A front projection system displays an image by directing the projected light from the projector onto a projection screen which diffusely reflects the light back into the viewing area.

Braun, col. 1, lines 33 – 38. Braun then teaches an object of invention.

An object of our invention is to provide a front projection video display system, which yields high contrast without requiring darkened ambient conditions and minimizes the encroachment on the volume of living space unlike conventional rear projection visual display systems.



Braun, col. 2, lines 14 – 19.

***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments filed 11 August 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Miyazaki shows that the video signals are input into an A/D converter before conversion. Therefore, the video signals inputted into the Miyazaki display device are analog rather than digital video signals. Examiner agrees, but notes that the signal outputted from the A/D converter are digital video signals and it is these digital video signals that are inputted into Miyazaki's video data converter. Moreover, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the video data converter for converting digital video signals output from a A/D converter as taught by Miyazaki to convert digital video signals not outputted from an A/D converter.

***Conclusion***

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leland Jorgensen whose telephone number is 703-305-2650. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m..

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